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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of etching a semiconductor device using a neutral beam comprising:

extracting an ion beam having a predetermined polarity from an ion source to accelerate the ion beam such that an incident angle of the ion beam is in a range of 75 - 85° from a vertical line to a horizontal surface of a reflector;

reflecting an accelerated ion beam by athe reflector to neutralize the reflected ion beam; and

positioning a substrate to be etched in a path of a neutral beam to etch a material layer on the substrate with the neutral beam.

2-3. (Canceled).

- 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising adjusting a gradient of the reflector to an incident ion beam.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising applying a voltage to the reflector to adjust a path of an incident ion beam.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the reflector is selected from the group consisting of a semiconductor substrate, a silicon dioxide substrate and a metal substrate.

7-17. (Canceled)